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SUBJECT: IEA: MEETING OF STANDING GROUP ON LONG TERM
COOPERATION

1. SUMMARY. STANDING GROUP ON LONG TERM COOPERATION
(SLT) DEC 3-4 CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF LONG-
TERM ISSUES AND AGREED ON FUTURE WORK PLANS AND
ORGANIZATION IN AREAS OF CONSERVATION, RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT, URANIUM ENRICHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW
ENERGY SUPPLIES. END SUMMARY

2. MEETING UNDER U.S. CHAIRMAN (BOSWORTH), SLT CARRIED
OUT USEFUL EXCHANGE ON LONG-TERM ISSUES AND FORMULATED
SCHEDULE AND ORGANIZATION FOR FUTURE WORK. THE U.S.
PAPER ON "WORK PROGRAM FOR LONG TERM COOPERATION IN THE
IEA," TABLED AT THE NOV. 18 IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING,
PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

3. SHORT TERM CONSERVATION: AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP
MET DECEMBER 4, UNDER U.S. CHAIRMAN (BAKKE) TO COMPILE
A PRELIMINARY LIST OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR
1975 BY MEMBER COUNTRIES, DEVELOP A MATRIX OF INFORMA-
TION TO BE SUBMITTED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES, AND DEVELOP A
RECOMMENDED BASELINE OR BASELINES AGAINST WHICH TO
MEASURE MEMBERS' 1975 ENERGY AND PETROLEUM CONSERVATION
EFFORTS. SLT MEMBERS AGREED TO SUBMIT DATA ON ENERGY
CONSUMPTION AND IMPORTS TELEGRAPHICALLY THROUGH NATIONAL
DELEGATIONS TO SECRETARIAT BY DECEMBER 12. AD HOC
SUBGROUP WILL MEET AGAIN DECEMBER 16 TO PREPARE A FINAL
REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION BY SLT ON MORNING OF
DECEMBER 18 AND SUBMISSION TO GOVERNING BOARD ON
DECEMBER 18-19.

4. LONG-TERM CONSERVATION: EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION
CENTERED ON TWO ISSUES: RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CONSERVA-
TION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (WITH BRITISH, ITALIANS
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AND REPS OF SEVERAL SMALL COUNTRIES URGING CAUTION IN
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS THAT THREATEN LEVEL OF ECONOMIC
ACTIVITY), AND ISSUE OF WHETHER IEA CONSERVATION EFFORT
SHOULD MERELY BE SUM OF INDEPENDENTLY PLANNED NATIONAL
EFFORTS, OR SHOULD INVOLVE MORAL IF NOT LEGAL SUASION
BY AGENCY TO PROD COUNTRIES INTO INCREASED EFFORT TO
RESTRICT DEMAND FOR ENERGY. TENTATIVE CONSENSUS REACHED
ON PRINCIPLE THAT IEA HAD A POSITIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN

ENCOURAGING CONSERVATION THROUGH "CONSTRUCTIVE
CONFRONTATION" IN REVIEWING NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND
CONSIDERING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON ENERGY CONSUMP-
TION. SUBGROUP ON LONG-TERM CONSERVATION ESTABLISHED
TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AMONG GOVERNMENTS, EVALUATE THE
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES, CONSIDER THE
FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF GROUP AND NATIONAL
CONSERVATION TARGETS AND HARMONIZATION OF NATIONAL
EFFORTS. THIS SUBGROUP WILL MEET JANUARY 13 AND 14
UNDER MANDATE TO BE APPROVED BY SLT ON DECEMBER 18 ON
BASIS OF DRAFT BEING PREPARED BY IEA SECRETARIAT AND
CHAIRMAN.

5. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT: A SUBGROUP ON R AND D
WAS FORMED UNDER GERMAN CHAIRMAN (SCHMIDT-KUESTER) TO
BEGIN WORK PROMPTLY ON JOINT R & D PROGRAM. THE GROUP
WILL BE COMPOSED OF DELEGATIONS COMPETENT IN BOTH
RESEARCH AND ENERGY POLICY FROM EACH MEMBER COUNTRY AND
WILL HOLD FIRST MEETING ON JANUARY 6 (AND POSSIBLY 7).
THIS SUBGROUP WILL CONSIDER WHERE AND HOW THE IEA
SHOULD CONDUCT THE R&D PROJECTS IN THE 10 PRIORITY AREAS

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IDENTIFIED IN THE ECG AD HOC REPORT, AS WELL AS OTHER
PROJECTS IT MAY IDENTIFY.

6. URANIUM ENRICHMENT: A SUBGROUP ON URANIUM ENRICH-
MENT WAS ESTABLISHED TO COMPILE SUPPLY AND DEMAND DATA
AND FORECASTS, WITH VIEW TOWARD INSURING ADEQUACY OF
FUTURE SUPPLIES OF ENRICHED URANIUM. THE CANADIAN
DELEGATION ARGUED THAT THIS SUBGROUP WOULD DUPLICATE THE
WORK OF THE OECD'S NUCLEAR ENERGY AGENCY. THE JAPANESE
EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT PERMITTING THE SUBGROUP TO
WORK ON NATURAL URANIUM; ABOUT GETTING BACKSTOPPING
FROM THE NEA SECRETARIAT; AND ABOUT PREPARING RECOMMENDA-
TIONS ON THE SCHEDULE ON WHICH FUTURE URANIUM ENRICHMENT
FACILITIES SHOULD BECOME AVAILABLE. SLT AGREED TO
ESTABLISH THE SUBGROUP UNDER TERMS OF REFERENCE TO BE
PROPOSED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH
JAPANESE BY DECEMBER 18, IF POSSIBLE.

7. ACCELERATED ENERGY DEVELOPMENT: THE U.S. PROPOSED
FROM THE CHAIR TO PREPARE A DRAFT PAPER ANALYZING THE

PROBLEM OF DOWNSIDE RISK AND EXAMINING VARIOUS POLICY
OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR RESOLVING THE "CATCH 23" DILEMMA.
WE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD ASK 3 OR 4 OTHER DELEGATIONS
TO PROVIDE ONE INDIVIDUAL EACH TO ASSIST IN THIS EFFORT
AND THAT PAPER WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION BY FULL
GROUP IN MID-JANUARY, TOGETHER WITH RESULTS OF SUBGROUP
ON LONG-TERM CONSERVATION. THIS WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED
BY THE BRITISH, GERMANS AND DANES.

8. SLT WILL MEET DECEMBER 18 TO (1) REVIEW THE WORK OF
THE AD HOC SUBGROUP ON SHORT-TERM CONSERVATION AND
DECIDE WHETHER TO FORWARD A REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT TO
THE GOVERNING BOARD, (2) REVIEW THE TERMS OF REFERENCE
FOR THE SUBGROUP ON LONG-TERM CONSERVATION AND THE
SUBGROUP ON URANIUM ENRICHMENT, AND (3) SELECT A
CHAIRMAN FOR THE SUBGROUP ON LONG-TERM CONSERVATION.
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